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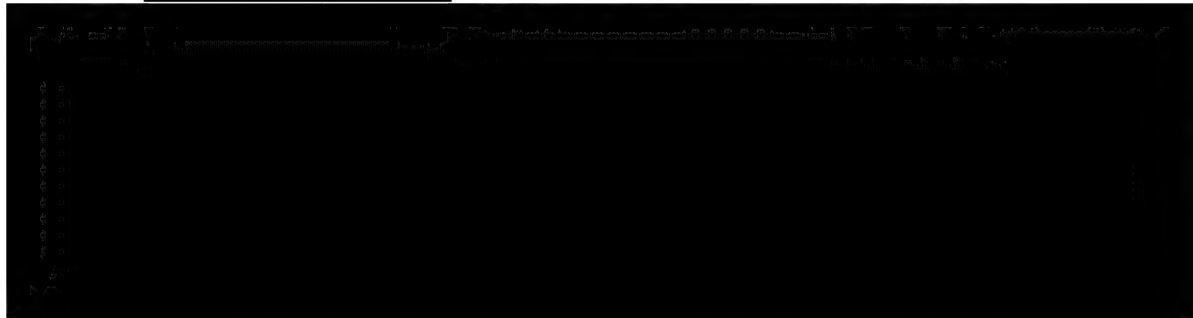
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1. The "Center for Industrial Requirements of the Soviet Zone", Rostock, was established some time ago in a large building near the Rostock railway station. The Center is headed by a former naval officer named Bolt (fnu) and is directly responsible to the DDR Ministry of Industry.
2. The Center is responsible for equipping all shipyards, heavy industries and mines and for drawing up the plans necessary to the execution of this assignment. The Warnow shipyard, for example, was ordered on 10 November 1950 to report by 15 November the amount of space and number of machines required during the next five years. Upon receipt of this report, the Center promptly ordered the shipyard to retain no more than a sixty-day stock of raw materials on hand. All raw materials in the warehouses which are in excess of the yard's sixty-day requirements are to be sold, even though it may be obvious that they will be needed within three or four months. This regulation applies not only to raw materials stored in the warehouses but also to materials on order and scheduled for delivery within two or three months. The stocks affected most by this order are materials imported from the West, which have been delivered in part or which are scheduled for delivery in the near future.

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25X1X Comment: [redacted] the sixty-day limit on warehouse stocks is a result of Soviet Zone trade agreements with the countries of Western Europe, under which the Soviet Zone receives current supplies from the West only in return for regular delivery of the goods it has agreed to export. If any Soviet Zone factory stockpiles to a point which cuts into the Zone's export production of the material so stored, deliveries of other goods from the West would be delayed accordingly.

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